

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Idaho code §54-924 requires a dentist to practice under his own true name except as authorized by the professional service corporation act. This section of the dental practice act was enacted before professional limited liability companies and limited managed care plans were referenced in Idaho code. The proposed legislation would provide for dentists to practice under the name of a professional limited liability company. Dentists are specifically included in the list of professions that can form professional limited liability companies as long as all members are duly licensed to render the same professional services. The proposed legislation also provides reference to limited managed care plans as dental services are included in the definition of a limited managed care plan in Idaho code §41-3903(13). The proposed legislation also provides the necessary statutory authority for the Board of Dentistry to take disciplinary action against a licensee who engages in the practice of dentistry, other than in a limited managed care plan, with any business entity in which a person not duly licensed to practice dentistry in this state holds an ownership interest. The health interests of patients are best protected when dental care decisions are under the control and professional judgment of licensed dentists.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no identified fiscal impact regarding this legislation.

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